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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS
FOR STEREOSCOPIC IMAGE
DISPLAY

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RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed September 19, 2002, which sets forth an election of species requirement, Applicants hereby elect for prosecution on the merits Species A. Applicants submit that pending Claims 1 and 29 read on the elected species.

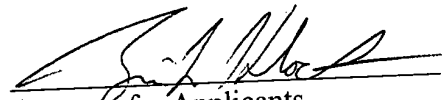
Applicants further submit that Claims 1 and 29 are generic claims that also read on Species B, C, and D. The presently claimed invention relates to a stereoscopic image displaying method or apparatus in which an image displaying device for displaying a parallax image and an optical modulator capable of forming a light transmitting section and a light shielding section are provided. By synthesizing a displayed image with a

location of the light transmitting and shielding sections and varying the location thereof, different images are respectively provided on each corresponding eye of an observer.

The figures corresponding to Species A-D identified by the Examiner, i.e., Figs. 1, 12, 20, and 23, each show, as the optical modulator for forming the light transmitting and shielding sections that select light rays from a displaying device, optical modulators that each use light polarizing elements different from the others. The optical modulator shown in each of those figures uses a function of a polarizing plate in which light having only a predetermined polarized direction is transmitted. That is, the modulators shown in each of those figures are directed to variations of specific arrangements of an optical modulator forming the light transmitting and shielding section by using such a function, as recited generally in Claims 1 and 29. Accordingly, Applicants submit that those claims read on each of those figures and encompass all the species.

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